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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Seoul Bureau - December 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Bureau attention for much of the month was focused on the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly session, which was held on 29-30 December. This was the first SPA session since 1982. The Bureau and Embassy reporting officers anticipated the election of Kim Chong-il to a high state office, plus a long report at the session outlining the new 7-year economic plan which begins in January. However, Kim Chong-il did not receive a state post, and no long economic reports were publicized. Instead, Kim Il-song gave a major "policy speech" on the 30th, outlining political and economic priorities for the future. Kim's speech also apparently preempted his traditional New Year's Day address.

2. A Workers Party plenum, held on the 28th, resulted in the demotion of several Political Bureau members and the promotion of alternate members. From Pyongyang television footage of the SPA session the Bureau was able to clarify some of the changes. The most striking case was that of Kim Hwan, a long-time Political Bureau member. He was dropped at the plenum, and was not shown with the party leadership on the SPA rostrum. However, in pan shots of the audience during the SPA session, Kim Hwan was shown sitting in the second row with elderly SPA members, applauding half-heartedly. This and other observations were included in editorial reports filed from the television footage.

B. Lateral Services

At Ambassador Lilley's request, the Bureau on 11 December provided a copy of Soviet leader Gorbachev's 28 July Vladivostok speech, which the Ambassador passed on to Senator Gary Hart. Senator Hart was in Seoul as the keynote speaker at a "Pacific Century Conference," attended by representatives of 13 nations. The Ambassador and Senator Hart used the speech in developing talking points for the Senator's meetings with senior ROK officials.

C. Technical

Renovation of the Bureau's antenna field at Pyongtaek, which was expected to be complete in early December, has been delayed. Delayed shipment of necessary electronic equipment has delayed completion of a new antenna at the site, which the Bureau expects to be able to use. Officials at the site now expect the new antenna to be ready for operational use early in March.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Chinese Monitor [] went on maternity leave on 4 December. She is expecting in early January, and plans to return to work in March.

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2. During an office year-end party on the 31st, the Bureau Chief presented promotions to Senior Technician [], to FBN 10; and Korean monitors [] to FBN 10 and FBN 8.

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3. After several months of delay at the State Department, a new compensation plan for Embassy local employees has been approved. Approval of a new Bureau plan, based on the Embassy plan, is expected shortly.

III. VISITS

1. Editor [] on PCS travel from Okinawa Bureau to Headquarters, was in Seoul from 8-12 December. She visited the Bureau on the 9th for a full-day orientation and briefing.

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2. Okinawa Bureau Administrative Officer [] passing through Seoul on R&R travel to the United States, visited the Bureau on 9 December.

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3. Okinawa Bureau Chief Editor [] also on R&R travel, visited the Bureau on 19 December.

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4. Lieutenant Commander William Roberts, Joint Duty Officer at the Panmunjom Joint Security Area, visited the Bureau 15 December for an orientation and briefing. Lt Cmdr Roberts supervises the duty officers who are responsible for recording Pyongyang television transmissions for the Bureau.

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. The Bureau Chief attended an Honor Guard ceremony on 4 December at U.S. 8th Army Headquarters, honoring Ambassador James Lilley's arrival in Seoul and assumption of duties. Ambassador Lilley and General William Livsey, Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Forces Korea, spoke at the ceremony.

2. Morton Abramowitz, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research and former Ambassador to Thailand, was in Seoul from 7-10 December. The Bureau Chief participated in an Embassy briefing for Mr. Abramowitz on ROK-DPRK relations and the aftermath of rumors in November of Kim Il-song's death, and, along with five senior Embassy officers, attended a luncheon for Mr. Abramowitz hosted by Ambassador Lilley on the 8th.



Chief, Seoul Bureau

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Attachment

Monthly Production Report

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
Deputy Chief, Bangkok Bureau

Seoul Bureau Production Report for December 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	529810
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA

Beijing International service in Korean to Korea	1200	
Beijing City Service in Mandarin	600	
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin	9550	
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	17030	
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in Mandarin	13520	
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin	14220	
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in Mandarin	13050	
Shijiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service in Mandarin	900	
Tianjin City Service in Mandarin	1920	
Beijing BEIJING RIBAO in Chinese		2740
Changchun JILIN RIBAO in Chinese		0
Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in Chinese		4300
Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in Chinese		300
Shenyang DONGBEI JINGJI BAO in Chinese		850
Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO in Chinese		7870
Shijiazhuang HEBEI RIBAO in Chinese		20300

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Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO in Chinese			1700
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Voice of National Salvation in Korean to South Korea	19070		
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	172930		
Pyongyang Television Service in Korean	2500		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		135730	
Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean			4800
Pyongyang NODONG SINMUN in Korean			0
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	0		
Seoul Television Service in Korean	0		
Seoul YONHAP in English		14890	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			900
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			0
Seoul Editorial Report on ROK Media korean			400
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			800
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			0
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			0
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			30770
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			31000
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			1120
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Moscow International Service in Korean	4850		